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Dated 27-2-40

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(SUBJECT.)

Forests (communications) Kalhatty Forest Div. lease case Dam on Kalhatty C C R to proceed approved. G.O. communicated

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Abstract.

Forests - Lease - Kollegal Forest Division - Cardamom cultivation - Chief Conservator's proposals - Sanctioned.

Development DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. Ms. 280 dated 5th February 1940.

READ the following paper:—

ENCLOSURES.
No.

G.O.No.2601 Devt., dated 24th October 1939.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.6215/38.Dl., dated 17th November 1939.
-do- dated 2nd December 1939.
-do- dated 4th December 1939.
Memo to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 9th December 1939.
From the Collector of Coimbatore, L.Dis.No.8018/39, dated 20th December 1939.

O r d e r:-

In modification of the orders in G.O.No.2601 Development dated 24th October 1939, His Excellency the Governor of Madras is pleased to approve the Chief Conservator's proposal that an area of 400 acres of land in the Kollegal Forest Division should be leased for cardamom cultivation. The leases should be subject to the same general conditions as have been prescribed in G.O.No.2729 Devt., dated 8th November 1939, for cardamom cultivation in the Tinnevelly District.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

C.P.Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.
" Board of Revenue.

(True copy)
F o r w a r d e d
/By Order/
Superintendent.

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Forests - (Coimbatore).

Kollegal. Lease - Cardamom cultivation - Sanctioned

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The Board requests that copies of the correspondence quoted in the G.O. cited above may be sent for the Board's file.

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests

Ref.No.6215/38-D1.

Office of the Chief Conservator
of Forests, Chepauk, Madras,
dated the 21st February 1940.

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From
C. C. Wilson, Esq., I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chepauk, Madras.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Madras.

Sir,

Ref: Board's Ref.No.E.856-40-1, dated the 12th February 1940.

Copies of the correspondence noted in the margin* are furnished.

*1. G.O.No.2601, Development, dated 24th October 1939.	2. The letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, No.L.Dis.8018/39, dated 20th December 1939, referred to in the G.O., has not been -- received in this office.
2. Chief Conservator's letter to Government Ref.No.6215/38-D1, dated 17th November 1939.	
3. Chief Conservator's letter to Government Ref.No.6215/38-D1, dated 2nd December 1939.	
4. Chief Conservator's letter to Government Ref.No.6215/38-D1, dated 4th December 1939.	
5. Memorandum to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 9th December 1939.	

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Sd/ V.G. Darrington,
for Chief Conservator of Forests.

True Copy
K. S. Sadasivam 23/4/40

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Copy of G.O.No.2601 Ms., Development, dated 24th October 1939.

Read the following paper:-

From Mr.R.C. Morris, No.Nil, dated 7th January 1938.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests, Endorsement No. 153 I/38-1, Development dated 15-1-1938

From the do. Ref.No.623/38-D1, dated 6-8-1938.

From the do. Ref.No.6215-38-D1, dated 21-11-193

To the Board of Revenue, Endorsement No.153-I/38-2, Development, dated 3-12-1938.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests and Board of Revenue Endorsement No.153-I/38-3, Development, dated 28-6-1939.

From the Board of Revenue, Ref. E.No.7410-38-7, dated 13-10-1939.

Order:

On an application from Mr.R.C. Morris of the Kennamettl Estate dated the 7th January 1938 for the assignment or lease of forest land in the Kollegal and North Coimbatore Forest Divisions for the cultivation of oranges, the Chief Conservator of Forests recommended

(1) thatthe forration of fruit plantation be permitted in the areas where cultivation has been abandoned and

(2) that the cultivation of cardamoms be permitted in shola forests on lease in suitable blocks in the shola forests under carefully controlled conditions.

Subject to the receipt of the Chief Conservator's proposals, representations have been received by the Government objecting to the grant of any land in the Gundal valley. The Board of Revenue, to whom the Chief Conservator's proposals and the further representations were referred recommends the leasing

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of land for growing fruit trees where the tree growth has been destroyed and the leasing of shola land for cardamom cultivation. The Hon'ble the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development recently inspected the area in question and he is of the opinion that the assignment of any further land in the shola forest would be a mistake. The history of the attempts made since 1906-07 to secure land in the Gundal Valley for cultivation which is briefly but forcibly narrated in Section 5 of the recent working plan for the Kollegal Forest Division is a sufficient warning against grant of further land in this area. The perennial flow of water in the Gundal ~~xxxxx~~ river is a matter of deep concern to the people of the locality and as pointed out in the working plan the almost annual drying up of the Gundal in the recent years though nodoubt due to other factors, such as fire and the failure of rain is not a little due also to the damage done to sholas as the head of the river.

The Government have therefore come to the conclusion that it will be against the interests of irrigation and water supply if cultivation under whatever conditions is permitted in the valley or the sholas and they regret that they cannot accept the Chief Conservator's recommendations.

2. At the time of the inspection of forests, it was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister that the Sholigars who resort to podu cultivation desire to shift their cultivation from the present site which is in the Gundal valley to another site higher up the valley. The Chief Conservator is requested to issue strict

instructions

instructions that the sholigars sho ld not be allowed to do podu cultivation on either side of the Gundal or Kirigundal valleys. The area under podu cultivation is said to be only 20 acres and if the sholigars give up the cultivation they might be employed in roadmaking or some other sundry work. The area gi en up may be planted by the Department if found suitable.

3. Mr.R.C. Morris should be informed that the Government are not prepared to grant or lease any land for orange cultivation as desired by him.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

V.N. Viswanatha Rao,
Secretary to Government.

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Copy of letter Reference No.6215/38 D1, dated the 17th November 1939 fromthe Chief Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

Subject: Forests - Lease offorest lands - Kollegal division- forcultivation of cardamoms and oranges - application from Mr.R.C. Morris.

Refce: G.O.No.Ms.2601, Development, datedthe 24th October 1939.

With reference to the remarks made in paragraph (1) ofthe G.O. quoted above, it should be stated that Mr. Morris informed the Chief Conservator of Forests some weeksago that the statements made in Section 5 of Chapter I of the Working Plan

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for Kollegal are demonstrably incorrect and that rubber was actually planted in the area, but failed, after prolonged trial, and that only then was coffee introduced.

2. The ~~xxxxxx~~ objections to the grant of cardamom leases in the Gundal valley of Kollegal division are found almost entirely on the statement that the supplies of water in the Kollegal tanks have been decreasing year after year since areas were allowed to be clear felled and planted with coffee in that locality, and that there is danger of a serious decrease in prodictivity of the soil if cardamom planting is allowed there. That the whole basis of this argument is wrong and the statements made are without foundation is shown below.

3. A statement showing the area under wet cultivation from 1911/12 to 1938-39 in the areas served by the Gundal stream is submitted and it will be seen that the area has remained practically constant.

Another statement showing the remission granted in the several fasli years commencing from 1912 is also enclosed. These figures show that during the last 27 years since 1912-13 remission has been granted only in eight years, and that the fall in revenue is very little.

4. The felling of the comparatively small area of forest granted in about 1907 away up in the mountains, and its cultivation with coffee, has therefore clearly made little or no difference to the supplies of water in the Kollegal tanks, and thecampaign against further activities in this locality is one of misrepresentation.

Apart from this, however, the introduction of cardamoms under the shade of the existing shola can have no ill effects on the water supply: this principle has

has been recognised by Government in the recent order they have passed in connection with similar ill informed agitation in regard to the evergreen forests in the catchment area ofthe Tambaraparni in the Tinnevelly district. (Attention is invited to correspondence ending with G.O.No.2729, Development, datedthe 8th November 1933). It is pointed out that to introduce cardamoms no destruction of the forest is allowed orrequired. The undergrowth alone is cleared and the cardamom plants are planted in its place and they rapidly provide better cover for the groundthan did the weeds and shrubs that originally stood there. The same principle applies throughout the many areas where cardamom leases are granted, in Madura, and South Canara, to the considerable financial benefit of Government and the increased prosperity of the country.

There is no valid objection at all to the grant of leases for cardamom planting in these Kollegal hills.

From the Chief Conservator's personal knowledge of the locality, it is the destructive fires that recur annually over vast areas in these valleys that are doing such damage to the water supplies as is done.

5. The very small acreage of podu cultivation carried on by the Sholagars in the dry forests lower down this valley can have no effect on the water supply away down in Kollegal. The Sholagars

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have lived in these forests, and cultivated the soil from time immemorial and it would seem to be of doubtful justice, or wisdom now to evict them without, in Chief Conservator's considered opinion, any good reason.

6. Further, under the instructions recently issued bythe Chief Conservator in all cases of shifting cultivation the Sholagars will in future be required to plant timber trees along with their field crops in the same way as is done in other 'kumri' areas throughout Madras and Burma and therefore the forest will be improved by such cultivation. At present, due to over exploitation in the past, it is a degraded type of poor deciduous forest, though it will carry a good crop of rosewood, vengai and other valuable timber trees.

7. It is therefore requested that in view of the facts reported above, the Chief Conservator may be permitted to have an interview with the Adviser to His Excellency the Governor in charge of the Forest Portfolio before proceeding to give effect to the orders issued in G.O.No. 2601, Ms. Development Department dated the 24th October 1939.

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Copy of letter No.6215-38-D1, dated the 2nd December 1939 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

Sub: Lease - Land for cultivation of cardamom and oranges - Applications - Mr.R.C. Morris.

In continuation of this office Reference No.6215-38-D1, dated the 17th November 1939, a brief resume of the cases regarding the application of Mr. R.C. Morris.

(i) for land for cardamom cultivation; and

(ii) land for orange cultivation,

in the Gundal valley, of Kollegal Division is submitted.

Enclosure.

RESUME OF THE CASES REGARDING MR. R.C. MORRIS'S APPLICATION FOR (1) LAND FOR CARDAMOM CULTIVATION, (ii) LAND FOR ORANGE CULTIVATION, IN THE GUNDAL VALLEY OF KOLLEGAL DIVISION.

(i) Cardamom Cultivation.

In 1937 Mr. Morris applied to the Chief Conservator of Forests, through the Collector and Conservator for 400 acres of land for the cultivation of cardamoms in the Gundal valley. A copy of the application is enclosed.

It was opposed, by the Collector, Mr.A.C. Woodhouse under the misapprehension that such cultivation would interfere with the water supply available in the Gundal river for the wet cultivation in the Kollegal Division. Apparently Mr. Symth, the Executive Engineer, had been apprehensive of the effect of such cultivation.

2. The Chief Conservator of the time being, Mr. Whitehead, refused to consider the case.

3. In July 1938, after I had assumed charge of the Chief Conservator's office, Mr. Morris wrote to me and renewed his application for the land for cardamom planting, I having asked him whether he would not be willing to take up such a lease

lease in the evergreen forests in Kollegal, owing to the fact that Government had been pressing me to increase the yield from ~~inor~~ Minor Forest Products in this Presidency.

4. In August 1938, I camped in the Kollegal Division and inspected the Gundal Valley. As a result of my inspection I recommended to Government in my letter No.6215/38-D1, dated the 21st November 1938 that the forest areas in the evergreen forests of this locality should be leased for planting cardamoms in the same way as has been common in other parts of the Madras Presidency for a number of years past.

5. Planting cardamoms can have no ill-effect on the water supply from the forests affected in view of the fact, that if it is done properly, the forests are not felled and the cardamom plants, which take the place of the natural undergrowth, give better cover to the soil. I have reported upon the matter in detail in my letter to Government referred to above, please vide paragraphs 10 to 19.

6. In this connection I would invite Government's notice to their recent order No.2729, Development, dated the 8th November 1939 in which they have approved the grant of similar leases in the evergreen forests at the head of the Thambaraparni river in the Tinnevelly forests, to which objections were raised similar to those now being made to the grant of land in Kollegal.

7. At the same time as reporting to Government I wrote to the Collector, Mr.A.C. Woodhouse and gave him a correct idea as to the manner in which cardamoms are cultivated and showed him how the facts had been misunderstood by the Executive Engineer.

He wrote agreeing with me and shortly after handed over charge to the present Collector, Mr. Warren. The latter has, I understand, supported the proposal that land should be leased for cardamom cultivation in this locality and the Board of Revenue has recommended

recommended that course to Government vide G.O.No.2061, Ms. Development, dated 24-10-1939.

8. The fact that the Working Planf for Kollegal prepared in 1931-32 by Mr. Ranganathan under my control has, in passing, commented unfavourably on the various applications for land that have beem made by Mr. Morris in this locality has been referred to in G.O.No.2601, Ms.Development, dated 24-10-1939, and this has been taken to imply that I originally opposed any grant of land for planting in this area. This is incorrect, and I am informed by Mr. Morris that one point made, namely, that the land originally granted for rubber planting was never utilized for the purpose, is wrong. Attemps were made, he states, to plant rubber for a number of years, but it failed and thereafter coffee was put in instead.

9. In any case the lease of shola forest for cardamom planting on a comparatively short term, is in no way comparable to the alienation of forest land for clear felling and planting up with a crop such as tea, coffee or rubber.

10. I would once again emphasise the fact that underplanting dense evergreen forest with cardamoms, for which purpose it is only necessary to clear undergrowth and small trees, does not have an ill-effect on the soil and water conservation, but the reverse; cardamom plants cover the ground more effectually than does the natural undergrowth found in a shola forest. Vide my letter Ref.No.6215/38-D1, dated 21-11-1938, 19-5-1939 and 17-11-1939.

11. According to the present proposals at the end of a 25 years lease the position would be reviewed and the lease renewed only if it was clear that the forest was not deteriorating, and had not reached such a stage as would make it necessary to resume it in order to ensure its regeneration.

12. I have made a full report on this matter in paragraphs 8 to 19 of my letter No.6215/38-D1 dated 21-11-1938

and

and in paragraphs 2 to 4 of my letter No.6215/38-D1, dated 17-11-1939.

(ii) Orange Cultivation.

13. As regards planting oranges, Mr. Morris applied in his letter dated 7th January 1938 to Government and asked whether they would be prepared to grant him a lease of land for planting oranges in Kollegal Division. This was referred to the Chief Conservator for remarks who consulted the Conservator, Coimbatore Circle, who after talking to Mr. Morris about it reported that he considered there was no objection to the grant and that the maximum area that Mr. Morris might require was 200 acres. From this arose the impression that Mr. Morris had applied for a definite 200 acres of land in the Gundal Valley, and this was held by the Collector to be objectionable. Actually Mr. Morris only required a small area of about 20 acres within this suitable area of 200 acres, and the plot that he wanted was an area of abandoned shifting cultivation which had previously formed a Sholaga settlement, the Sholagas being an aboriginal jungle tribe who have lived in these forests from time immemorial and practise shifting cultivation.

14. Referring again to my letter to Government No.6215-38-D1, dated 21st November 1938 I would invite attention to paragraphs 2 to 7 in which I have given a clear statement of what Mr. Morris wanted.

15. Now, however, I am informed by him, verbally, that he does not require land for orange planting in view of the fact that he is likely to be called up for military duty. I have not received this in writing, but I believe it is correct. He does, however, still want land for cardamom planting. In his latest letter

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dated the 12th September 1939 written to the Hon'ble Mr. Munuswami Pillai, when he was the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, after the latter had personally inspected the forests, he stated that all he now wants is between 100 and 200 acres in the northern part of the Gundal Shola (vide his letter to the Hon'ble Minister dated the 12th September 1939)

16. Once again I strongly support the grant of land in this locality for planting cardamoms, on the ground that it can do no harm whatever, under the conditions that we lay down at present for such leases, and that it would bring in an appreciable revenue to Government annually, and will add to the general prosperity of the country. The opposition to the grant in Kollegal is, I am of opinion, the result of prejudice and ill-informed opinion.

17. If Mr. Morris does not want the whole of the 400 acres available I would recommend that the balance be granted to any one else who may require ~~it~~ it for planting cardamom, but only for planting cardamoms - not for clear-felling and planting up with any other crop.

18. A further apparent complication has arisen in that Mr. Morris has now applied to Government through the Collector of Coimbatore and the Chief Conservator of Forests asking for permission to relinquish 140 acres of land, in this forest, previously leased to him for experimental cardamom cultivation. This actually has no bearing on the present application as the land was given to him for experimenting and has been found by him to be ~~xxxixx~~ unsuitable for cardamom planting because, I understand, it lies at too high an elevation for the crop to bear fruit. The new areas he has now applied for are at a suitable elevation where he already has cardamoms growing in small plantations and bearing ~~xix~~ satisfactorily. This application for relinquishing the 140 acres is being submitted separately. It has at present been returned to the Collector for elucidation of further details.

Copy of letter No.6215/38-D1, dated the 4th December 1939 from the Chief Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

Sub: Lease - Cardamom - Mr. R.C. Morris.

An extract from the letter from Mr. R.C. Morris dated 1st December 1939 is forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, for information in continuation of this office ref.No.6215/38-D1, dated 2nd December 1939.

Extract of letter dated 1st December 1939 from Mr. R.C. Morris.

I recently pointed out that the Kollegal Tanks are no longer entirely dependant on the Gundal Stream for their supply of water. The new Hebhalla channel, running from the north-west side of the Hills, and which I took a prominent part in persuading Government to put through, would have provided all the tanks with the required water by itself, without the Gundal water, which however provided an ample supply as too. The Hebhalla channel has therefore amply justified its construction, in spite of the fact that D.P.W. officials were, for years, against the project on the grounds that the results would not justify the expense involved.

Could you possibly lay emphasis on this side of the matter before the Secretariat?

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Development,
Copy of Memorandum No.55278-I/39-1,/dated 9th December 1939.

Subject: Forests - Lease of forest lands - Kollegal Division - for cultivation of cardamoms and oranges - Application from Mr. R.C. Morris.

The Collector of Coimbatore is required to state whether any application from Mr. Morris for a lease of shola land in the Kollegal Division for planting cardamoms was received by him and if so what precisely the application was and what orders were passed on it. An early reply is requested.

S.G. Appa Rao,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Forests. (Coimbatore) -
Kollegal Forest Division - lease
cardamom cultivation - Chief
Conservator's proposals - approved
G.O. communicated.

Rem agmt Rc 3135 mis of 1.11.38
G.O. mis 280 Rev. dy 5.2.40 -

B.O. mis 584 dy 28.2.40

Communicated to the Collr
of Coimbatore.

26.2.40

To,

The Collector of Coimbatore.
with a copy of G.O.
2729 dy 8.11.38
for 17-18 (5)
to be copied &
sent.

Revenue Department

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D.D.Warren Esq., M.C., I.C.S.,

Collector of Coimbatore,

The Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras,

Refce: 1002/40, dated 19-3-1940,

Sir,

Forests - Lease of forest lands - Kollegal Division - Cardamom cultivation - Objection petitions.
G.C.No...e. 30 (Development) Date[illegible] -40

In the Government Order quoted above, the Government sanctioned the lease of an area of 400 acres of forest land in the Kollegal division for Cardamom cultivation. In pursuance of the Government order, the District Forest Officer, Kollegal, published a notice inviting applications for the lease of the land. On the publication of the notice, the residents of the Kollegal taluk have sent three objection petitions addressed to the Advisor to His Excellency the Governor of Madras. The objection raised against the proposed lease of lands is that the lease will result in the diminution of supply in the Sunder stream. I submit that the Chief Conservator's report Refce: No.8[illegible]1/38D.1 dated 17-11-39 to the Government dealt in detail with the objection raised and the objection had already been considered by the Government before orders were passed by them. The three petitions are enclosed.

Assumed charge

for Collector,

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Signed V.R.E. 24.4.40

24 APR 1940

Forests - (coimbatore). Kollegal & Nadu coimbatore Forests -- Lease: cardamom cultivation. Objection petns from the ryots.

G.O. No. Mis. 288 Dev. dt. 5.2.40 - G

From the Collector of Coimbatore 10.2.40 & 19.3.40

vetoed: R 1869 (V-40) dt. 19/4/40

Submitted to the Govt. for orders.

2/ The objections now preferred by the ryots were already considered by the Govt. before they issued their order dt. 5/2/40 cited above, sanctioning the lease.

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To,

The Secretary to the Govt. Dev. Dept.

with 3 petns. (T. to be sent in original)

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
6 MAY 1940
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Development Department.

Memorandum No.9957 I/40-1, dated 2nd May 1940.

Lease - Forest land - Kollegal Division - Cardaman cultivation - Representation from the Taluk Congress Committee and others -

From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref. No. 6215/39 D1, dated 3rd April 1940 and 23rd April 1940

The Chief Conservator's attention is invited to Memorandum No.7107-I/40-1 dated 30th March 1940 (copy of which has been sent to him already) in which orders have been passed on the representations from ryots and the President of the Taluk Congress Committee, Kollegal in regard to the lease of land for cardaman cultivation in the Kollegal Forest Division. The Government have decided to proceed with the matter.

2. The proposals for fixing a premium referred to in the last paragraph of the Chief Conservator's letter dated the 23rd April 1940 are awaited.

C.P. Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests. ✓
" Board of Revenue (with reference to its Ref. E. No. 1869/40-1 dated 19th April 1940).

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Forwarded.
/By Order/.

C Jr Venkatarama Ayyar
Superintendent.

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Forest (Coimbatore) - Kollegal & North Coimbatore Forests - Lease - Cardamom cultivation - Objections from Ryots - Govt. memo communicated to coth.

Ref:- Ref 1002/40 D19-3-40 from coth. Coimbatore D.O.
Govt. ow.lr.no 9957/40-1 D2-5-40 PS
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Communicated to the coth.

The Collector of Coimbatore.
The Collector of Coimbatore.

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SUBJECT :— Forest (Coimbatore) Kollegal & North Coimbatore forest divns — Cardamom cultivation — Objections from Ryots — Govt. Memo Comments thereon

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READ *ALSO* :—

No. _____ From the Coll-Coimbatore Rf No. 1002/40, dated 19-3-1940 Pl. cf

" _____ " Govt-Camp Memo 9957, 940-1 dated 2-5-40 — A P5/f

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Order / Resolution Ms. / Rout. No. Lois F 1869/40, dated 25 23-5-1940

Communicated to the Coll. of Coimbatore.

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To the Coll. of Coimbatore, with a copy of Govt Memo

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Forests - (Coimbatore). Kollegal & North Coimbatore forest Division lease - Cardamom cultivation - Objection petition from the ryots.

E 1869-40.

P1 of From the Collector of Coimbatore 1002-40 of 4.3.40.

On an application from one. R.C. Morris for the grant of land on lease in Doddasampagai & Gutialathur Reserves of Kollegal & North Coimbatore forest divisions for the cultivation of Orange trees, the CCF in his letter No 6215-38- addressed to the Board D1. of 21.11.38 to the Govt, recommended that lands in the ground valley may be granted for the formation of Small Tea plantations in abandoned cultivated places. & for the cultivation of cardamom in Shola forests. On its report of 13 10/38, the Board also recommended the Chief conservator's proposal to the Govt. But the Govt, in their order Mis 2601 Dev. of 24 10/38, did not accept the proposals, for the reasons that the perennial flow of water in the

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ground al river would be affected & that it would be against the interests of irrigation & water supply, if cultivation under whatever conditions was permitted in the valley. Subsequently, the C.C.F. in his letters 6.2.15-38 D/- 17-11-38 & 2.12.38 to the Govt. again recommended for the grant of land for cardamom cultivation. The Govt seem to have been convinced of the C.C.F's recommendations that the cultivation of cardamoms can have no ill effect on the water supply as the undergrowth alone is cleared & the cardamoms are planted in its place & they rapidly provide better cover for the ground than did the weeds & shrubs that originally stood there & that only the destructive fires that occur annually over vast areas in the valleys are doing damage to the water supplies. Hence in modification of the orders in G.O. No. 1601 Dev. D/ 24.10.1938, the Govt in their order 280 mis Dev. D/ 5.2.40 approved the chief conservator's proposals that an area of 400 acres of land in the Kottegal Forest Division should be leased for cardamom cultivation this against this lease sanctioned by Govt, the

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(T) ryots of the neighbouring villages have now objected for the same reasons for which the govt did not first accept the chief conservator's proposal

(T) The objection petition addressed to the Adviser to H.E the governor & the Collector's letter, may be submitted to the Govt with the remarks which the objection has already been considered by the Govt. before the issue of the orders of 5.2.40 sanctioning the lease.

Ref (9)

Note from P.I

For orders.
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Draft submitted,
12.4.40.

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As (C.P)

P.S.4 Govt. Sanct memo 9957 of 40-1 of 2-5-40

~~Map to be added to the file and~~

~~the area of Govt awarded to be shown~~

draft Communicating the Govt. memo to Collr put up.

(G) 19/5 After issue the papers will be shown with B.P. memo 5844 of 28-2-40

21/5 The record is complete in the extreme edge. Receipt in a proper place 22/5

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